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JUDGE RUCKER FOR CONGRESS.

It is with pleasure and pride that the COURIER calls attention to the fact that our much esteemed fellow-townsmen, Judge W. W. Rucker, is again a candidate for congress, and it is practically certain that he will be renominated and re-elected, for the Second congressional district of Missouri never had a more alert, a more faithful, nor a more untiring worker in the halls of congress than he. All know and recognize him as a representative who represents a man among men and a statesman among statesmen.

His integrity is beyond question and his ability is of a high order, and whether it be the most influential or most un-influential of his constituents, he treats them all with uniform courtesy and fairness and serves them as a conscientious and dutiful official should, and keeps in touch with their wants, wishes and sentiments.

While many congressmen are at summer resorts or on junketing tours, Judge Rucker spends his vacations mixing with the people of his district and learning what they desire of him in his official capacity, and when he returns to Washington he knows what those desires are, and when they are just and right he goes to work to make them realities. That is why he is so popular as a congressman, both with Democrats and Republicans of this district.

In the matter of rural free mail delivery he has kept the Second district in the lead of every other congressional district in Missouri.

In the Fifty-ninth congress he has given the exalted credit of having made the best tariff speech at that session, and for which he had requests for printed copies from ocean to ocean and from the great lakes to the gulf.

He did not believe it was right for the government to appropriate millions of dollars to erect federal buildings in the large cities and ignore the country districts entirely. When he told his colleagues that he intended to secure some appropriations for suitable buildings of like character in his district they laughed him to scorn. But he was a persistent and gallant fighter for what he thought was simple justice in an equitable distribution of federal buildings in the country as well as the cities, and was the first Missouri congressman to secure an appropriation of \$40,000 for such a building at Moberly. Those Missouri congressmen who ridiculed this idea of Judge Rucker's were soon falling over one another in their efforts to have like structures erected in their respective districts. As a result they, too, met with considerable success.

During the congress, just closed, Judge Rucker got through two federal building bills, one of \$70,000 for a building at Carrollton, and of \$10,000 for a site at Chillicothe, and bills for two other sites by co-operating with Senator Wm. Warner, these being at Trenton and Brookfield and each of them for \$10,000.

One of Judge Rucker's chief ambitious in the last congress was the passage of the campaign publicity bill requiring all political parties to make public the names of contributors to campaign funds and the amount of money paid by each. But a fat-frying Republican tyrant had no thought of ever permitting such a bill to pass, and as a conse-

quence Speaker Joe Cannon would never allow it to come to a vote in the lower house over which he presided with despotic sway and bitter partisanship.

This is only a part of the splendid record Judge Rucker made in Washington, and we verily believe that he will be returned to congress with an increased majority the 3rd of next November, notwithstanding he has an opponent for the Democratic nomination in the person of Hon. L. A. Martin of Chillicothe, who seems to take his candidacy more seriously than does anyone else.

At the primary election to be held August 4 both Judge Rucker's and Mr. Martin's names will appear on the ticket, and all Democrats will have a right to a choice between these aspirants for congress, but if true loyalty to his constituents, hard work as an official and devotion to duty are considered, Judge Rucker will be renominated by an overwhelming majority—in fact, almost unanimously.

CHAMP CLARK'S LECTURE.

Congressman Champ Clark of Bowling Green, Pike county, delivered his famous lecture, "Picturesque Public Men," at the courthouse here Monday night.

He was introduced to the large audience in a neat and very complimentary speech by Judge W. W. Rucker, who predicted that Mr. Clark would be the minority Democratic leader in the next congress, and would be elected speaker after the 4th of next should March the Democrats succeed in electing a majority of the members of the lower house the 3rd of next November. Judge Rucker also prophesied that some day Mr. Clark would be chosen to represent Missouri in the United States senate.

When he arose to deliver his lecture Mr. Clark seemed to take for granted the nice things Judge Rucker had just said about him, and immediately entered upon the meat of his theme, after having first apologized for the condition of his voice which he said could be explained by reading Sunday's St. Louis Republic. He referred, of course, to the speech he had made in that city Saturday night in behalf of Dave Ball's candidacy for governor.

Mr. Clark's lecture consisted of his own inimitable description of both the United States senate and the lower house of congress and the "picturesque" members of those two bodies of national law-makers.

He graphically portrayed many scenes and incidents in congress in which wit, sarcasm and repartee played a prominent part and most generally completely squelched the victims at whom they were hurled. Some of these scintillating brilliancies were greatly enjoyed by the audience and evoked much applause.

We have not the space to go into further details, but before he closed, Mr. Clark praised Judge Rucker and gave him credit for being one of the hardest working members of congress.

The net proceeds of the lecture amounted to \$50 and were equally divided among the four churches of Keytesville.

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